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## **HEBRON MOTORCYCLE SHOP OWNER INDICTED ON CONSPIRACY, MONEY LAUNDERING AND TAX CRIMES**

COLUMBUS – A federal grand jury here has indicted Joseph P. Marasco, age 42, of Pataskala and owner of Maximum Street Performance motorcycle shop in Hebron, along with Robert M. Fusner, age 33, of Grove City, alleging that they conspired to traffic in illegal drugs and launder the proceeds of the crime, as well as filing false income tax returns.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Jose A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, announced the indictment returned today.

The indictment alleges that, since 1997, Marasco, Fusner and others conspired to distribute cocaine and marijuana in central Ohio. The indictment also alleges that the men and others conspired to launder the money from the drug proceeds through buying a boat, cars, “Captain Woodys” at Buckeye Lake and other transactions.

Another count in the indictment alleges that the men conspired to launder money in a scheme involving the submission of false insurance claims.

Each man is also charged with three counts of filing false income tax returns for 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute drugs is punishable by a minimum of 5 years in prison and a maximum of 40, plus a maximum possible fine of \$2 million. The potential penalty for money laundering conspiracy is 20 years imprisonment. Each of the tax crimes is punishable by up to 3 years imprisonment.

Lockhart commended the investigation by IRS agents and Assistant U.S Attorney Dan Brown, who is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. All defendants are presumed innocent until and unless convicted in court.

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